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Many of them in short lengths, so it's impossible to say just how many hours they'll be here to-day.

We've never had any better values to offer you than in

age yard for a 50c quality All-Wool ; VENETIAN CLOTH.

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ING, regular \$1,25 quality. yard for an All-Wool BLACK

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GRANITE Cloth, worth half a dollar a yard.

a very useful man. Come around the stage to-night and I'll prove

Sidney did so. At the end of the piece the actor went through a death scene, drauged himself to the side of the stage, left enough of his feet sticking out to

show the audience that he was still with

Ryan a Success.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

Speeches Made .

COLLEGE TO OPEN.

Year's Day.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED

City, Drowned at Bridgeport.

Body Taken to Amelia.

The remains of Mr. John L. Mann, wh was drowned in the dock here on Saturday night, were on yesterday taken t

TOW JEFFERSON IN RIP VAN WINKLE

Son of the Great "Rip" Plays at the Academy Tonight.

MANSFIELD PLAYS

Griffith in Richard III. Saturday and Creston Clarke On New

Year's Day.

The affection with which Joseph Jefferson's memory is cherished and the admiration with which his name is spoken throughout this country is a broad and sufficient evidence that Thomas Jefferson, sufficient evidence that Thomas Jefferson. Bijou. This is a new style of the rural or, as he is known, Jefferson the Flfth, drama, and is said to be a real novety. will be given a hearty welcome by the host of admirers whom his father had his city. Thomas Jefferson was istant, and was in many instance sistant, and was in many instances the only living person who thoroughly studied the golden art of the past dean. To his son. Thomas, the elder Jefferson conded every secret of his art, and his years of association so well fitted him to succeed as Rip Van Winkle that he has been playing the character for the past eight years. He is the acknowledged successor of the dean, and is holding the proud little as successor with well-deserved prosperity. Mr. Jefferson comes to the Acadeny to-night, after a most prosperous enemy to-night, after a most prosperous engagement at Wallack's Theatre, New York City, and a week in Philadelphia, the receipts of which amounted to over

Jefferson Portrait. Edward Forrest once had in his pos-session a picture in oil of what he sup-posed to be Joseph Jefferson the First, the great-grandfather of the present Thomas Jefferson. This picture is now in the Forrest home, near Philadelphia. Mr. Forrest and his intimate friends al-ways supposed-that the picture was always supposed that the picture was a portrait of that floseph Jefferson, but it was afterwards discovered that it was was afterwards discovered that it was a genuine painting of President Thomas a genuine painting of President Thomas Jefferson. The strong resemblance between the two caused much speculation, and the story comes down from that period that President Thomas Jefferson and this Joseph Jefferson the First met and traced the relationship of the family from the same source, so that they were really related. The origin of the family was at York, England.

Griffith in Tracedy.

Griffith in Tragedy.

The tragedian, John Griffith, is playing Shakespeare's sublime tragedy, "King Richard the Third," this reason, and has Richard the Third," this season, and has fn every city along his route drawn large audiences and aroused enthusinsm. He is a big mustly fellow, full of devotion to his art, and his portrayal of this most strenuous role certainly fills the eye and satisfies the mind of the most exacting critic. Air, Griffith appears here on Saturday, matinee and night, and will, be a most welcome visitor.

Great care has been taken by his management to provide him with an entirely competent company of Shakespearean players. The scenic, costume and pletorial requirements of the play will have generous treatment.

No Mail Orders.

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No mail orders will be received at the Academy of Music for tickets during the engagement of Mr. Mansheld on January 6th. The same rules as observed during the engagement of the grand opera will be enforced during the Mansheld sale. Mr. Mansheld will be seen as "Beau Brummel" at the natines and "Don Carlos" at night.

Coming as an innovation, so to speak, in the very mids; of various forms of theatries! offerings, the Creston Clarke production of "Beaucaire" will surely command respectful attention at the Academy New Year's matinee and nigh. It is properly termed a comedy romance but its entirely unlike any other as fis tone is less wholen and its humor far more spontaneous. It is therefore no wonder that Creston Clarke has so universally succeeded with it last season and not surprising that he is this season more than duplicating last year's success. This engagement can not fall to prove as gratifying to our theatregoers as it has to all other communities where it has been presented.

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Mr. Clarke, the son of John Sleepe Clarke and Agnes Booth, will doubtles be warmly welcomed by Richmon theatregoers, for he began his career in this city at the old Richmond Theatre of Seventh and Broad Streets, in "Hamlet Fis father, John Sleeper Clarke, played the part of the grave digger. It was said at the time, that young Clarke chass Richmond for his debut on account of the associations which surrounded the old theatre.

Wouldn't St.

Wouldn't Stay Dead. George Sidney, known as "Busy Izzy," tells of the manager of a certain

EDUCATOR HERE

Presidents of A. & M. Colleges Begin Fourth Annual Con-

Expect to Make This Country Their Home-Rapidly Ac-

To inspire the negro youth to higher fe, and make them better citizens, by nd at the same time make them lawabiding citizens is the work set out to be accomplished by the Presidents of ricultural and Mechanical Colleges for Negroes, who are now holding their will close to-morrow night.

The organization was brought into life by Majer R. R. Wright, President of the State Normal College for Negroes, at Savannah, Ga. He is one of the foremost negro educators in America, as well as negro educators in America, as well as a prominent negro citizen. He served as Paymasure in the United States Armyduring the Spanish-American war, and immediately after the close of the war returned to his school work. He has held the position of President of the Association since its organization, and in it much good is being accomplished.

The organization is composed of some of the most conservative negroes in America, those who are training the young negroes along practical lines.

Opening of Session.

The opening session was held yesterday morning at the Union University. Rev. R. E. Jones, of the University, made the opening prayer, and an address of welcome was delivered by Dr. G. R. Hovey, the president

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the president,
Professor D. R. Levis, of Hampton Institute, discussed the course of study for
A. & M. Colleges for negro youth. His
address was practical and contained good
advice. He wanted more attention paid to
the teaching of agriculture to the negroes
in the future, and that more of them be
induced to take up the study.
Dr. Waring declared that all negro boys
should not aspire to be dectors, lawyers,
preachers, teachers and the like, but
many of them should remain on the farm,
for the farmer was the most independent
of all men. Perhaps the constant going
to the city by the negro youth had been
a draw back to the race, and he urged
that the young men be induced to invest
their money in farms and cultivate them.
President's Address.

produce.
"The Lady of Lyons" is the matinee
iii at the Bijou to-day, and to-night. Mr. Ryan will costay the trugedy of "Macbeth." The same play will be seen to morrow night. "The Three Musketeers" is amounced for Saturday matince and night. Officers Are Installed and Good

Speeches Made.

A special meeting of St. John's Lodge-was held at the Masonic Temple last night and the following officers installed: W. W. Richardson, Master; F. E. Anderson, Senior Warden; J. C. Drinard, Junior Warden; J. Stewart Woodburn, Senior Deacon; Charles Shepherd, Junior Deacon; O. J. Adams, Secretary; J. C. Bowman, Treasurer; W. J. Lynham, Ther, J. J. Walton and A. L. Thomas, Stewards. ards.

Past Master's Jewels were presented to Worshipful Brothers Elljah Baker and John J. Crutchfield. The former was presented by Worshipful Brother Minetree Folkes and the latter by Rt. Wor. Brother J. W. Ergleston. as remarked that J. W. Eggleston.
After the ceremonies a splendid banquet was held, and there were many fine Winter Term to Begin On New The winter term of Richmond College will commence on New Year's Day, after a very successful closing of the fail term on December 22d.

President F. W. Boutwright is very

twenty minions in the Americas and instance millions in Africa, is a part of the citizenzy of the world, and has his rights and duties. When we recognize the fact that we represent not only one-tenth of the population in the United States, but the grain and was the brother of Mr. Thomas Charles, who has a dramatic school in this city, and was once very widely known here. The body has been shipped to this city.

task. How can the world, how can America, how can the United States truly meet the responsibility of the adjustment of the mutual relations of the inhabitants of the globe, with every tenth man, though he be black man, indifferent to the more and social movements of his

"An intelligent and enlightened system of education must have reference to these questions and the situation that confronts us. The crisis demands that every negro teacher be not only a moral and intellectual reformer, but a national pacificator. Broad-minded educators

intellectual reformer, but a national pacificator. Broad-minded educators must educate their students, their cople, not only to take care of themselves, but to look beyond their immediate race or color, their immediate race or nation, and to cultivate a systematic and hepful interest in a common lumanity with causal rights.

To fit our people to be a part of all the world, is the highest honor and to the world, is the highest honor and duty that could come to man. We have to rejoice that there are many agencies assisting in this great work. In the common schools of the South there are ontrolled near 1,600,000 negre students. Sincy 1876 the South has spent \$139,000,000 for the deducation of the negro. There is not a city of any considerable size in all the South where a large percentage of the

ENTERTAINING LITTLE PEOPLE

Christmas Parties Arranged for Older Folks

Many Presents Given to Confederate Warriors, Who Were Happy to Be Remembered.

The Christmas tree at Lee Camp Hall Wednesday afternoon under the auspices colored children cannot get a common school education. Following in the wake of the advancing armies of the Union, northern white missionaries and philanthropists have planted their schools and colleges and maintained them with millions of dollars for the rehabilitation of negro manhood and womanhood. The colof Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the the veterans and their friends,

The tree was planted on the stage in Rendolph Hall. It was of goodly height lions of dollars for the rehabilitation of negro manhood and womanhood. The colored man himself has learned to spend attractive appearance, with the Confederate pattle flag draped around its base, where oranges, bananas and other fruits were piled and pyramids of boxes holding Christmas gifts flanked the

out a part in this great work. The great national educational acts of 1862 and 1899 ards and horns hung from the branche of the tree, given for the occasion by Monumental Church. Gifts were still further disposed of on two tables to the right and left of the stage.

The center seats in front of the tree

national educational acts of 1862 and 1899 give to the entire people annually nearly two million dollars for their 66 agricultural and mechanical colleges. In the Southern States the sixteen A and M. colleges devoted to negro education receive a part of the land grant of 1862 and, while all the sixteen negro A. and M. colleges receive some, eight receive from one-third to one-hift of the State's perwere reserved for the veterans who came in and occupied them waiting in pleased anticipation the beginning of the celebration to which many Richmond people contributed, among them, Mr. Cameron, of the Larus Company, who made liberal one-third to one-half of the State's por-tion of the Morrill fund of 1890 for the education of colored vouth. United, these agencies, if properly correlated and prop-erly directed, must wield a tremendous erly directed, must wield a tremendous influence, not only upon public sentiment, but especially in moulding and shaping the colored people to play an important part in advancing the country's great moral and economic movements and in solving that problem of the twentieth century, which means the happy adjustment of the mutual relations of all the people, so that they shall dwell together in peace and prosperity.

"The past has encouragements, and the future is hopeful." contributions of tobacco, and Mr. Cosby who made no charge for hauling. Other sifts came from many who feit it their fortunate privilege to be participants in the pleasure of the afternoon.

At 4:30 o'clock the electric lights in the transfer themselves a short

tree were turned on and after a shor but fervent and appropriate prayer by Rev. Dr. J. H. Dicklison, of the Church of the Holy Comforter, carols were sung by the children of the Dorcas Society of the First Baptist Church, un-der the charge of Miss Bertha Gwaht-

Afterward, gifts, fruit and candy wer Alterward, gits, fruit and candy were distributed by the following young ladies: Misses Kate Whitoomb Gunther, of Baltimore; Dora and Gertrude Taylor, Graco Neal, Honor Price and Miss Evans.

A conspicuous figure standing near the tree was little Ruth Gordon, daughter of Misses Christian Corden. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Christian Gordon L. M. Hart, Mrs. E. D. Taylor, Mrs. D. A. Brown, Miss Minnie Baughman, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. W. M. Wade, Mrs. P. J. White, Mrs. F. Anthony Walke, of Hope-Maury Chapter, Norfolk; Mrs. E. V. Valentine and others.

All Laden With Presents. Commandant Euker called out the name

done and are still doing for the advancement of the negro race.

He was followed by Professor James Hugo Johnston, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Petersburg, Va. He welcomed the visitors to the Old Dominion State. He said that the negroes owned more personal and real property in Virginia than negroes did in any of the Southern States, the amount being \$20,000,000. He said that if the Virginia negroes get wealth and property in the next forty years as he of the veterans and made himself generably agreeable and useful. Abundance of fruit and candy had been provided and a gift for all of the two hundred and fifty veterans at the Home. property in the next forty years as he has in the past forty years, no one could predict his future, The occasion was one of the most pleasant of all the Christmas happenings "We are going to live right here in this country. We are not going to leave. We are determined to make a name for ourselves by buying land, building homes, paying taxes and educating our children."

Rev. J. E. Jones, D. D., or the Virginia Union University, delivered an address of welcome in the name of the ministers of the city.

beasant of all the Caristinas impenings to all who were present, and was marked by the greatest good-fellowship and friendliness between the soldiers and those who made holiday bright for them. Those who helped in the preparation of the tree and in its farnishing will be released to know that all the did pleased to know that all they did was appreciated to the utmost extent. All repreciated an the attraction went happily way, laden with packages and feeling hemselves not forgotten in the great Christmas holiday.

Third Christian School.

At the Third Christian Sunday-school the celebration Tuesday night was a most enjoyable affair. A large crowd of pupils and friends of the school were present, Recitations were given by Misse Adelaide Taylor, Madge Clendon and Mai Adelaide Taylor, Madge Clendon and Mat-tile Hudson, and Masters Harry Talia-ferro and little Preston Cave, the little three-year-old son of the pastor. The Springfield School chorus sang very beau-tifully, and Miss Curtls' class of Spring-field gave a cantata, "The Doll's Revolt." which charmed and delighted the audi-

Ten young ladies of the Sunday-school gave a pantomime of the Shepherds," from Ben Hur, which was one of the best features of the pro-

Presents were interchanged between Presents were interchanged between teachers and scholars, and the superhitendent was remembered also by the school, as was the pastor, who recelved an umbrella from the Endeavorers. The evening passed off very pleasantly, and the superintendent expressed himself very much gratified with the large attendance of pupils and visitors.

24 Paul's Home.

St. Paul's Home.

The children of St. Paul's Home were delightfully entertained on Christmas Day by Mr. Joseph Turner, who gave them a great deal of pleasure with his series of moving pictures. Mr. Turner wa thanked by both pastor and children fo

in the ladies half-nile skating race in the big rink at the Reservoir last night. Miss Vivian Proffitt won second prize. The time of this race was two minutes and eighteen seconds.

Owing to the number of entries, the ladies were divided into two fields, and there was a ten minutes intermission between the two preliminaries and the final race. thanked by both pastor and children for his kindness.

As a token of their appreciation for the faithful service rendered them, D. Buchanan gave his employes a box party at the theatre Tuesday night. After the performance, the jolly party enjoyed the hospitality of their employer, and a most pleasant evening was spent. Those present were: Messrs. D. A. Buchanan, Samuel D. Hardy, George M. Schaefer, H. Clint Larus, Charles Hara, Al. G. Williams, O. O. Ostergren, Everett Conrad and Mr. Richardson. and Mr. Richardson.

For the Orphans.

The annual Christmas festival of the Male Orphan Asylum will take place to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and dld not occur yesterday, as was erroneously published that it would. Those who wish to attend may take the 4 o'clock car from Beach and Main Street.

The programme will be as follows:

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1. Glory to God, chorus; prayer,
2. Christmas Carol, full chorus,
3. Christmas Evel Christmas Time,
chorus; Sweet Nellie May, solo and chorus,
4. Rlug the Bells, full chorus; A
Christmas Story, recitation.
5. Santa Claus Defenders, chorus; Dolly
Goes to Sleep, solo and chorus.
6. Hollyberries Are Red, duet,
7. Sweet Rock-a-Bye, solo, Arrival of
Santa Claus.

The Sleigh Ride, full chorus. Re-

Good Night and Happy Dreams, Taking Depositions.

Hon. J. R. Caton, of Alexandria, a member of the House of Delegates, was in the city yesterday on legal business. He spont most of the day in the law office of Captain W. L. Royali, where

GAS AND WATER BILLS

ALL CITY WATER BILLS presented to consumers during the month of DECEMBER, 1905, and not paid on or before JANUARY 1, 1906. will subject the consumer to the penalty provided by law, which is that the water shall be CUT OFF from the premises.

ALL GAS BILLS PRESENTED IN DECEM-BER, 1905, and not paid on or before JANUARY 1, 1906, will be subject to the usual penalty of 5 per cent., and if not paid on or before January 5, 1906, the gas will be SHUT OFF. The ordinances imposing penalties on Gas Bills and fixing the time when Gas and Water Bills in arrears shall be CUT OFF has been, since the death of the Treasurer, suspended; but the order of suspension is now recalled AND BUSINESS WILL PROCEED AS USUAL UNDER THE ORDINANCES.

depositions were being taken in the case of Day vs. the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company. This is a damage suit for \$10,000 for personal injury that is to be tried next week in the Circuit Court of Alexandria county. W. L. Royall and G. J. Hooper represent the plaintiff, and Mr. Caton appears for the defendants.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nuckols and chil-

air, and Mrs. Willie Nuckols and children, of Henrico county, have returned house after spending a part of the holidays with Mrs. Ella R. Rainey, sister of Mrs. Nuckols.

Mrs. David Gaines is quite sick at her residence, on Twenty-first street.

Mrs. W. Bonnis and daughters, Misses Annie, Edna and Estell, left Wednesday for Chesterfield county, to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin left Saturday for White Hall, Va., where they are spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shinault have returned from Henrico county, where they spent Christmas day with refatives.

Mrs. C. P. Goodall, of 1312 Twenty-first street, is confined to her home by sickness.

ness. Mesers, Harry and John Garrett are spending the holidays with their parents, in Chesterfield county. Master Ambrose Garrett has returned home after visiting relatives here.

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Miss Pearl Gaines has left for Chesterfield county to spend the remaining holidays with friends.

Mr. J. W. Ward of Twenty-first street, underwent an exceedingly painful but successful operation in his home a few days ago by Dr. E. W. Gee and is now getting on very nicely.

Mr. C. P. Perkins and sons, Masters Hubert and Harvey have returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives in Henrico county, where they spent a part of the holidays.

Mr. J. Aiwrey Enos, of Newport Neivs, 1s spending the week with his family here.

Little "Bubble" Collins, who had a part of his hand blown off and his face hady lacerated by a cannon cracker Sunday night, is still suffering very much, but is getting along as well as can be

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day night, is still suffering very much, but is getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Marie Gary, of 2392 Fairmount avenue, hats left for Sabot, Goochland county, to visit friends.

Miss Eithel Hutchlson is in Waynesboro, Va., visiting friends for the holidays.

Miss Eithel Hutchlson is in Waynesboro, Va., visiting friends for the holidays, has returned.

Mr. George Howard, of Pendleton, Louisa county, was the guest of Captain and Mrs. W. C. Thomas, of 2217 Fairmount avenue, during the past week.

Miss Bessie Casey, who was the guest of Mrs. W. C. Thomas, as left for King William county, to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morris and their little son, of Newport News, were the guests of Mrs. Morris, here this week.

Messrs, Gordon Woody, of Providence, R. I.; Warren Woody, of Norfolk, Va; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of New York: William Eddie and George Woody, of Richmond, came home to spend the Christnras with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of New York: William Woody, of 2315 Fairmount avenue, has returned from Newport News, where she spent several weeks with her son.

CHESTNUT HILL

Miss Annie Smith, of Fourth Avenue, left last week for Halfrax to spend the Christmas holdays.

Miss Alice Retelffe is spending some time with relatives near H'-thland Park, Mr. Henry Watkins, of H'nton, W. Val. has returned home, after spending several days with his precisis.

Statue, is spending the holdays with Avenue, Rev. Mr. Fe. Rennie and family, of Fourth Rev. Mr. Perstain.

Mr. F. F. Rennie and family, of Fourth Avenue.
Rev. Mr. Fontaine, of North Carolina, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Fourth Avenue.
Mrs. Pauline Curson, who has been spending the winter on the "H.I." attending school, is visiting relatives in Cumberland county.
Mr. Jacob Van Doren, of Thrd Avenue, left hast Saturday for his home, in Orange county, where he w.ll spend the holidays. ange county, where the following in the following in the following last week.

The many friends of Mr. Gresham, of Highland Park, regret to hear of his serious accident, which occurred Satur-

serious accident, which occurred Saturday night.

Miss Susic Cleaton is spending the Christinas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Pleming, of Chestnut IIIII.

Miss Mary Pemberton, who has been teaching school in Dinwiddle county, is spending some time with relatives on Highland Park.

New Officers for Lodge,

New Officers for Lodge.

Marshall Lodge, Knights of Py Mas, elected officers Tuesday night as fonows: Carlton Jackson, chancellor commander; Louis W. Dorset, vice-chancellor; James W. Carr, master of work; A. Dallas Jenkins, perlate; John F. Saville, keeper of records and seal; James R. Sheppard, master of finance; J. R. Harman, master of; exchequer; Hirum Harkins, master-atarms; John J. Mitchell, inner guard; Theodore Roach, outer guard.

Major Charles O. Saville was unanimously chosen to represent the lodge at the annual session of the grand lodge, an honor which has fallen to him for several successive terms.

several successive terms.

The new officers will be installed at the meeting to be held the second Tuesday in January. At that meeting the officers will be presented with handsome "red-letter" calendars, by a enthusiastic mem-ber, who wishes to increase the attend-ance and to build up the lodge.

Gave Bail.

In the Hustings Court yesterday George Wilkinson, who has been indictd for abetting and adding in abduction, gave the required ball for his appearance for trial on the third day of January.

Post A, T. P. A. To-night. Post A of the Traveers' Protective As-eciation will meet to-night at their headquarters, Third and Main streets. Several important matters will be discussed. The State Fair committee will present a very important feature for consideration. Important feature for consideration.

WILL FIGHT PLAN OF STEEL TRUST

Former President of Tin Plate Heads Gigantic Combination of Interests.

CAPITAL STOCK \$150,000,000

Republic Iron and Steel and Sloss-Sheffield Included in the Project.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURG, PA., December 27.-The Chronicle-Telegraph this afternoon says: A combination or iron and steel in crests is being formed and likely will be perfected in a short time that will have a capital stock of about \$150,000,000 The principal concern in the movement is the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and the companies said to be included

Iron and Railroad Company, the Sloss-Sheffield Iron Company, and the La Belle Iron Works. John W. Gates, C. S. Guthric and other leading men in the Republic Company are said to be the promoters of the procosed big corporation

in the project are the Tennessee Coal

It was Jearned to-day that John A Topping, who has resigned the presidency of the American Sheet and rin Plate Company, and who will sever his connection with the United States Sicel Corporation on January 1st, will be made president of the new combination. Mr. Topping 16f. Mixture 1888. president of the new combination. Mr. Topping left Pittsburg last night and could not be seen here, regarding the report that he will be put in control of the company when it is formed. The details have not been perfected, and two plans are under consideration. One is to form a holding company, similar to the United States Steel Corporation with the Republic. Tennessee, La Belle and Sloss-Sheffield as subsidiary companies. Another is to merge all the companies and retain the name of the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

BIG DINNER SPREAD.

Six Hundred Tickets Issued for Dinner at Mission To-day.

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Six hundred of the city's poor will be served with a Christmas dinner to-day at the Nineteenth Street Mission. Great the Nineteenth Street Mission. Great the Proparations have been made for this charitable feast, and the ladies in charge are to be congratulated for the success to which everything points. All yesterday Mr. Sharpe was giving out tickets and attending to a thousand and one things incident to the preparing of the feast of good things which will be spread before the vast assembly of diners to-day at 12 o'clock.

Over six hundred tickets have been istributed and the vosses ers will sit 'c was to as good a Christmas dinner as has been provided this year for the unfed legion. As many as can be will be seated at the table and others will follow in quick succession until all have had their turn and been filled. For the entertainment of those who will not be able to reach the first table a number of speakers, singers and elocutionists have offered their services. Among those who will be present are the Mayor, Mr. John F. Branch, Rev. W. V. Tador, D. D., Rev. J. T. Whitty, D. D., three of the prosiding elders and several other prominent laymen.

To prevent delay, such donations as have not already been delivered to the ladies may be sent direct to the mission this mornine, or Sunevintendent Sharpe should be called up, 'blone 2021; and he will send for the articles.

ENJOYABLE DANCE.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wingo Entertain for Their Daughter.

tertain for Their Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wingo gave a dance in honor of their daughter. Miss dance in honor of their daughter. Miss were present; Misses Imegen Warwick, Sylvia Augustine, Jelies Scott, Saval Sylvia Augustine, Jelies Scott, Saval Chamberlayne, Lany Beverdage, Rosale Valentine, Mary Saunders, Cary Valentine, Namel Patton, Eleanor Lindsay, County, Louisa Crump, Ladish Taylor, Virgie Tyler, Malei O'Ferrali, Helen Tamner, Mary McCaw, Louisa Crump, Edili Taylor, Wirgie Tyler, Malei O'Ferrali, Helen Tamner, Mary McCaw, Louisa Boudar, Grace Perkins, Anne Royali, Ethel Evans, Nellie Walker, Imogen Riddlek, Katherine Gunn, Ethel Boudar, Willie Crutchfield, Anne Lynthieum and Phoebe Cullingworth; Messrs, Frederick Valentine, Richard Saunders, Clare Evans, Hai Threaderati, Rutherford Rose, Hugh Rose, Pichegrue Wootfolk, Robert Walker, John Wingo, David Grant, William Crump, George Stevens, Edgar Moss, William Jackson, Ivying Knowles, Leigh Wilson, Carl Flemins, Carl Walker, Wallace, Henderson, Lloyd Taylor, John M. Miller, John Boyd, Landon Edwards, James Augustine, James Wheat, Corydon Sutton, Paul Christian, Willie O'Ferrali, Maxwell Wallace, William Lefew, Louis Cutchins, Ceell Stevens, Hobert Doyle, Otey Miller, Bernard Jones, William Miller and Maurice Wingo.

Manchester and Chesterleid county. Two brothers of the drowned man lived in Manchester and another was from Ches-terfield county. They identified the body Wednesday morning and made arrange-ments to have the remains shipped to the old home of the deceased in Amelia coun-ty near Otterburn Springs. PRE YOU GOING TO VISIT THE OLD FOME CHRISTMAS OR SPEND YOUR HOLIDAY IN THE TROPICAL SOUTH?

TROPICAL SOUTH?
The SEABOARD is the shortest line to all Florida Winter Resorts, Havana, Chua, and many interesting resorts in the Carolinas and Georgia, and also has superior service to Atlanta and Birmingham, operating two daily trains in each direction, without change of cars. On account of Christmas Holidays the SEABOARD will sell round the legislate. direction, without conditions the SEA.

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H. S. LEARD, D. P. A.,

Richmond, Va.

LEADING NEGRO

vention Here.

MEGROES WILL NOT LEAVE

quiring Property.

small dramatic company that had an actor in his employ who was so bad that after seeing him act, Sldney wanted to know why the manager kept him .
"Well," replied that gentleman, "he

them, put the curtain rope in his mouth, picked up a violin; and while still on his tack played his own death music, and then rang down the curtain. Kyan a Success.

Mr. Daniel Ryan, the versatile actor who is playing at week's engagement at the "Bijou," is to be congratulated upon the excellent work that he and his company are doing, and the exceptionally, high class of plays that he has chosen to produce.

President's Address. The feature of the morning session was the annual address delivered by Major Richard R. Wright. He said in part:

"We have met here to discus the plan of American education so as to discover, if possible, how we may be able to do ur duty in striving to fit the colored people to take an interest and play a part in the great moral and economic movements of this country. To teach men merely to earn their daily bread, to give them just enough skill and browledge to earn a living is a necessery and laudable undertaking, but this alone is not sufficient for the man of the o is not sufficient for the man of the alone is not sufficient for the man of the twentieth century. He must be taught to be a good father, a good neighbor and a good citizen. His character must be so developed and inspired as to lead him to take a lively interest in the great movements for the betterment of mankind. In other words, the negro must be a part of humanity taught that he is a part of humanit, he taught that he is a part of thinding and that nothing that is human is alien to him. He can neither segregate himself nor be sebregated from the great world interests of mon. The world has grown too small for this. Some one

has remarked that the sareness and rapidity of communication have made the whole world into a single community whose solidarity of interests will ere long break down every Chinese wall, whether that wall be erected by race prejudice or religious prejudice. Wrong whether inflicted upon the Jews in Rustics of the eclored people in America. Major R. R. Wright responded to the addresses of welcome. Dr. Frissell, president of Hampton Institute, Hampton, made a short address. He said that he felt that the great work of the colored people was to be done by the colored people, and not so much by the white people for the colored people. He said that it was indeed graffying to see the progress made by the nexroes.

"I am glad to meet with any company of educators," he said, "and I am glad when I can come to Richmond and see the work that is being done on the hill. There must be among the colored people, as among the white people, all kinds of education. I am glad that I am a teacher, and I hope that each one of you who are teachers feel the Importance of your work. I am glad that I have been in the work. sin or the colored people in America, will arouse indignation in the hearts of will arouse indignation in the hearts of humanitarians of every race and every-where. Pluck and skill will be recog-nized and awarded a front seat at the council of the nations, whether the foe-man be a yellow Jap or a white Cau-casian. But the problem of the twenwill commence on New Year's Day, after a very successful closing of the fail term on December 22d.

President F. W. Boutwright is very much gratified at the showing made by the students, both in their actions as a student body and in their examinations, in which a very high average percentage was reached. Most gratifying of all is the increased attendance from the city, which is now eighty-nine. It is boned which is now eighty-nine. It is hoped that in the coming tarm this will reach one hundred, which can easily be accomplished by co-operation among the friends and alumni of the city. same day by the same nation, one war was brought to a speedy and timely end and a practical plan for perpetuating peace on a foundation of justice was presented to all the nations." This twentieth century attempt to adjust the mutual selections of all the various records that elations of all the various peoples tha nhabit the globe, if carried out on the J. I. Charles, Formerly of This A brief telegram was received by Mr. H. F. Gill, secretary of the Cigarmakers' Union of Richmond, amounting the death of J. I. Charles by drowning at Bridge-port, Conn. No particulars of the fatality are given, but it would appear that the drowning occurred some days ago, as the telegram states that the body is much decomposed.

inhabit the globe, if carried out on the foundation of jutslee, must include the weak, as well as the strong peoples of the world. In the political, economic and social life of the world every nation, collectively and individually, has rights and duties. The negroe with his ten million in the United States, his twenty millions in the Americas and his twenty millions in the Americas and his one-tenth of the world's peoples, we must certainly be impressed with the graven and tremendous responsibility of our task. How can the world, how can

between the two preliminaries and the final race.

In the first preliminary Miss Irma King and Miss Kathleen Lynn were first and second, respectively. This made them eligible for the final race. Miss Dalsy Childress was first in the second. These were the four contestants in the final race. When the signal was given to start Miss Childress took the lead, and at the end of the third lap had the other three ladies nearly a half a lap behind her. At the turn in the fourth lap Miss Childress took to the fence, and lost her speed. This gave the lead to Miss Lynn, with Miss Profitt closely following.

All the contestants were pretty evenly matched, and the three races were decidedly exciting. Not a lady fell. Broad-Minded Educators.

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out of his own scanty earnings put mil-lions of dollars into his education, and

nas improved his home life and his ma-

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Yesterday afternoon addresses were de-

livered by Lawyer Thomas C, Walker, of Hampton, and Professor N. M. Work, A.

M., of Savannah, Ga., and Professor N

man of the local committee, presided, and the Rev. Dr. Smallwood made the

and the Rev. Dr. Smallwood made the opening prayer.

Rev. W. L. Taylor, D. D., president of the True Reformers' Savings Bank, delivered an address of welcome in the name of the members of the order of which he the members of the order of

which he is grand master. He assured

the educators that the citizens of Rich-

mond were pleased to welcome them to

the city on account of what they had

lone and are still doing for the advance

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of the city.

Major R. R. Wright responded to the

work. I am glad that I have been in the

work for the past twenty-five years: the work for the past twenty-nva years; that I have had something to do with the training of Booker T. Washington, with Walker and Williams, who are here tonight. I am thankful for the opportunities given to the colored people in this

MISS LYNN WINNER.

Young Lady Skated Half Mile in

Minute and Eighteen Seconds.

Miss Kathleen Lynn won the final heat in the ladies' half-mile skating race in

B. Young of Tallahassee, Fla. The night session was held at the True Reformers' Hall. W. P. Burrell, chair-

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